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to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹.

CLEAN VERSION OF REWRITTEN, ADDED, AND/OR CANCELLED CLAIMS
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(i)

Please cancel Claims 14, 24-28.

Please replace the pending Claims with the following Claims having the same number.

23. (Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein said epitope of said microbial subtilisin is modified by: (a) substituting the amino acid sequence of the epitope with an analogous sequence from a human homolog of said microbial subtilisin; (b) substituting the amino acid sequence of the epitope with an analogous sequence from a non-human homolog of said microbial subtilisin; or (c) substituting the amino acid sequence of the epitope with a sequence which substantially mimics the major tertiary structure attributes of the epitope.

24. (Amended) The method according to claim 23, wherein the protein is a protease.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).